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Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to answer the 1st Office Action in this matter dated October 24, 2003, extending the time to answer from November 24, 2002, to January 24, 2003 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The \$ 205 fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to pay for the requested extension is included in the enclosed check.

Respectfully submitted,

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